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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

HORST GUGGEMOS

Application No. 10/590,123

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Customer No. 20350

Confirmation No. 4063

Examiner: Benjamin F. Fiorello

Technology Center/Art Unit: 3672

AMENDMENT

San Francisco, CA 94111
April 9, 2009

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicant requests a one-month extension of time from March 9, 2009 to April 9, 2009 and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the fee therefor, and any additional fee that may be due, to our deposit account in accordance with the attached Petition for Extension of Time.

In response to the Office Action dated December 9, 2008, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 8 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.